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SUBJECT: POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS DISPARAGED

1. SUGGESTING AN INCREASINGLY OPEN MOOD IN CHINA OF IMPATIENCE AND WEARINESS WITH THE PERIODIC RECURRENCE OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, A KWANGSI DAILY ARTICLE AFFIRMS THE ROLE OF STRUGGLE IN PARTY BUILDING BUT ASSERTS THAT "WE MUST AVOID THE TENDENCY TO SUBSTITUTE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS FOR PARTY BUILDING " (DECEMBER 16 BROADCAST). THE KWANGSI ARTICLE IS FOCUSED ON SUPPORT FOR A "NEW LEAP FORWARD" IN THE ECONOMY, FURTHER DEMONSTRATING THE MARKED DIFFERENCE IN LOCAL LEADERSHIP SUPPORT FOR THIS CURRENT CAMPAIGN IN CONTRAST TO ITS POLITICAL-ORIENTED PREDECESSOR, THE MOVEMENT TO CRITICIZE LIN PIAO AND CONFUCIUS (HONG KONG 13650).

2. PERHAPS REFLECTIVE OF MAO'S REPORTED INSTRUCTION IN DOCUMENT 26 THAT THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION HAD GONE ON LONG ENOUGH AND THE TIME HAD COME TO SETTLE DOWN (HONG KONG 11863), THE IMPRESSION
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FROM KWANGSI IS THAT PARTY BUILDING AND THEREBY PARTY CONTROL

COULD SUFFER IF POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS CONTINUED TO DEFLECT THESE EFFORTS. THE MAO STATEMENT, WHICH WAS REPORTED IN POSTERS EARLIER (HONG KONG 12213), HAS BEEN GIVEN POSSIBLE NEW RELEVANCE BY WIRE SERVICE STORIES CITING PEKING DIPLOMATS FOR SIMILAR RECENT SIGHTINGS OUTSIDE PEKING.

3. AN EFFORT TO DOWNPLAY POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS COULD BE A FURTHER ATTEMPT TO SMOOTH OVER DIFFERENCES AND BUILD CONSENSUS FOR LEADERSHIP CHANGES AND THE ELUSIVE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF IT BECOMES A GENERAL TREND AND THEREBY NECESSITATES SOMEONE TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERSISTING IN AN ERRONEOUS "TENDENCY," THEN PRESUMABLY MOVEMENT ACTIVISTS LIKE CHIANG COULD BE PLACED IN AN EMBARRASSING POSITION.
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